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SUBJECT: TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEES

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1) POST HAS BEEN INCORRESPONDENCE FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS WITH
SEVERAL VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN NATIONALS WHO ARE STUDYING AT
THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN MEDINA AND WHO WISH TO ENTER THE U.S.
AS IMMIGRANTS WITH REFUGEE VISA.

2) THEY WERE INELIGIBLE FOR THE PAROLE PROGRAM AS THEY WERE
IN SAUDI ARABIA AT THE TIME OF FALL OF VIETNAM. THEY HAVE
FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GET THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO
REGULARIZE THEIR PRESENCE HERE. THEY WERE DIRECTED TO
CONTACT UNHCR AND IF THEY RECEIVED NO HELP FROM THAT
ORGANIZATION, THEY WERE TO TRAVEL TO ONE OF THE APPOINTED
REFUGEE PROCESSING POSTS IN EUROPE.

3) UNHCR CLAIMED TO BE UNABLE TO HELP THEM BEYOND
DIRECTING THEM TO ICRC IN ORDER TO OBTAIN TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS TO REPLACE THEIR EXPIRED VIETNAMESE AND
CAMBODIAN PASSPORTS. UNHCR POINTS OUT THAT THEY
WILL BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WITHOUT
A VISA TO THE COUNTRY OF THEIR DESTINATION. SINCE
THEY NEED THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT TO REACH THE CORRECT
AMERICAN EMBASSY IN EUROPE TO OBTAIN THE REFUGEE
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VISA, THEY ARE CAUGHT IN A PARADOX.

4) CAN DEPARTMENT FURNISH ANY FURTHER HELP OR ADVICE
POST CAN EXTEND TO THESE STUDENTS?
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